



March 18, 2013

Public Safety & Security Committee
Room 3600
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: H.D. No. 6524 AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDING CODE ADOPTION CYCLES AND DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIALS.

Dear Committee Co-Chairs Dargan and Hartley and Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee;

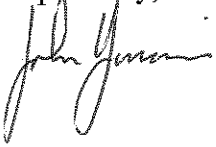
My name is John Yacovino, and I am the President of the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association (CFMA) and the Deputy Fire Marshal with the City of Meriden Department of Fire Services. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the CFMA regarding House Bill No. 6524 – AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDING CODE ADOPTION CYCLES AND DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIALS.

The CFMA is adamantly against the section of this bill that deals with the State Building Code being reviewed in intervals of not less than six years. This bill does not specifically address or include the State Fire Code however, if this bill is enacted it will also increase the length of time between adoption cycles of the State Fire Code along with additional referenced standards (examples...NFPA 70 - The National Electrical Code, NFPA 13 – Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems & NFPA 54 – National Fuel Gas Code).

In addition, the increase of time between code adoption cycles has a negative impact on design professionals and tradesmen due to the fact that they design and or building to the latest technology which is reflected within the latest editions of building and fire codes.

Currently, in the State of Connecticut we are enforcing building and fire codes published in 2003 and adopted for enforcement in 2005. Our hazardous materials codes are even older going back to 1995 & 1996. The State of Connecticut needs to adopt codes more frequently not less frequently to ensure we are keeping with current technologies and continuing to make Connecticut a safe place to live and work.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Yacovino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Yacovino".

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